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Re: Inventors: Andrew D. Ellington, Jay Hesselberth, Kristin A. Marshall, Michael P. Robertson, Letha Sooter, Eric Davidson, J. Colin Cox, and Timothy Reidel
Patent Application Entitled: REGULATABLE, CATALYTICALLY ACTIVE
NUCLEIC ACIDS
Application Serial No.: 09/883,119
Filing Date: June 14, 2001
Our File No.: 119927-1050

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above-referenced mater, we have enclosed the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Marked-up Copy of Amended Paragraphs; and
3. Postcard.

In addition, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures (including hard copy of Sequence Listing) that has been filed under separate cover to Box: Sequence, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Please file the above-referenced documents and return the date-stamped postcard to our office at the above address. It is believed that no additional fees are due. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments concerning any of the above, please call the undersigned at your convenience. Otherwise, please accept the enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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